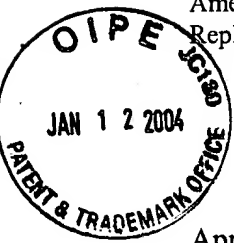


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Applicant respectfully requests that the three-month shortened statutory period for responding to the Office Action be extended three-months until January 7, 2004. A three-month Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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